

Table 56-2 **Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to type of first institution, by parents' highest education level**

Parents' highest education level*	Public 4-year	Private, not-for-profit 4-year	Public 2-year	Other
Total	28.5	13.7	43.7	14.1
High school or less	20.4	8.4	51.2	20.0
Some college	33.9	13.2	40.4	12.6
Bachelor's or advanced degree	37.2	22.1	34.8	6.0

* The highest educational attainment of either parent was no college for 43 percent of students, some college for 23 percent of students, and a bachelor's degree or higher for 34 percent.

NOTE: Details may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1989–90 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study, Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94), Data Analysis System.